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To: To the California Information Technology Community

Dear Friends,

We are at a critical time in the State's history – a time when we anticipate the need to make quantum leaps forward in state operations and services. Now, more than ever, we need to come together as the community of State information technology professionals to prepare ourselves and our departments to better serve all Californians.

As you know, Governor Schwarzenegger has set an ambitious reform agenda for State government to improve its responsiveness, reduce costs, increase productivity and improve services. The California Performance Review (CPR) is going to be the critical change agent in this process.

All of us must prepare ourselves to implement the recommendations coming out of the CPR that require technology change. I'm sure each of you appreciates the likelihood that information technology will be a critical facilitator for many of the CPR reforms.

To improve the State IT Governance I have established the California IT Council with comprehensive leadership participation from all State IT communities.

I invite you to find out more about the Council and its initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Clark Kelso'.

J. Clark Kelso

CC: Council Members